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THE UNITED ASBESTOS
ORIENTAL AGENCY.

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO.
LIMITED, LONDON.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Managers.

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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP....." 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCANCELLED....." 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND....." 8,910,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.
TOKIO. KOBE.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LVIOS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
BOMBAK. SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIN. NEWCHWANG.
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARRS' BANK, LTD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS' BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1902. [10]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND—
Sterling Reserve.....\$10,000,000
Silver Reserve.....\$4,750,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. R. SHEWAN, Chairman.
A. J. RAYMOND, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
G. Balloch, Esq.
Hon. C. W. Dickson.
E. Goetz, Esq.
H. Schubart, Esq.
G. H. Medhurst, Esq.
H. E. Tomkins, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1902. [11]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS OF THE ABOVE BANK IS CONDUCTED
BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS IS ALLOWED AT 3½ PER
CENT. PER ANNUM.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT AT 4 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [14]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000

Paid up Capital.....\$ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | C. Ewens, Esq.

Chow Tung Shang, Esq. | J. Lauts, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed.....5%
Hongkong, 19th November, 1902. [15]

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....Sh. Taels 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin. Calcutta. Hankow.

Tientsin. Tsingtao (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS' BANK, LTD.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY

DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be

learned on application. Every description of

Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [16]

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [16]

THE GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF
NEW YORK
(AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1864.

U.S. GOLD
PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$5,180,000

Gold \$7,180,000

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.
LONDON OFFICE:
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.

F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARK'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VŒUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business
transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Accounts at 2% per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 2½% per annum.

" 6 " 3½ "

" 12 " 4%

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [16]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
CANTON. PEKING.
CHEFOO. PENANG.
CHINKIANG. SINGAPORE.
CHUNKING. TIENTSIN.
HANKOW.

THE BANK PURCHASES AND RECEIVES FOR COLLECTION
BILLS OF EXCHANGE DRAWN ON THE ABOVE
PLACES, AND SELLS DRAFTS AND TELEGRAPHIC TRANS-
FERS PAYABLE AT ITS BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS

PER ANNUM Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

" 6 " 3½ "

" 12 " 4%

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1902. [12]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS.....\$800,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$650,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT. PER
ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCES.

ON FIRST DEPOSITS FOR 12 MONTHS...4 PER CENT.

" 6 " 3½ "

" 12 " 4%

T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1902. [11]

Hotels.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR.

AND

BILLIARD ROOMS.

Rooms specially reserved for Captains
of the Mercantile Marine.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D'Hoté at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1902. [116d]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

YOKOHAMA.....Manila.....R. A. Peters.....About 30th Dec...Freight or Passage.

KOBE.....Pekin.....C. R. Longden, R. N. R.About 31st Dec...Freight only.

SHANGHAI.....Chusan.....C. L. Daniel.....About 2nd Jan...Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.Valletta*W. B. Palmer, R. N. R.Noon, 3rd Jan...Freight or Passage.

LONDON*.....Bombay.....H. S. Bradshaw.....Noon, 7th Jan...Freight or Passage

(See Special Advertisement.)

* SHANGHAI, MOJI AND KOBE (Passing through the Island Sea).

* VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND MARSEILLES.

PASSENGER SEASON 1903.

FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON DIRECT....." MALTA".....6,064 TONS.....28th March, 1903.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902.

E. F. GROS,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [16]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

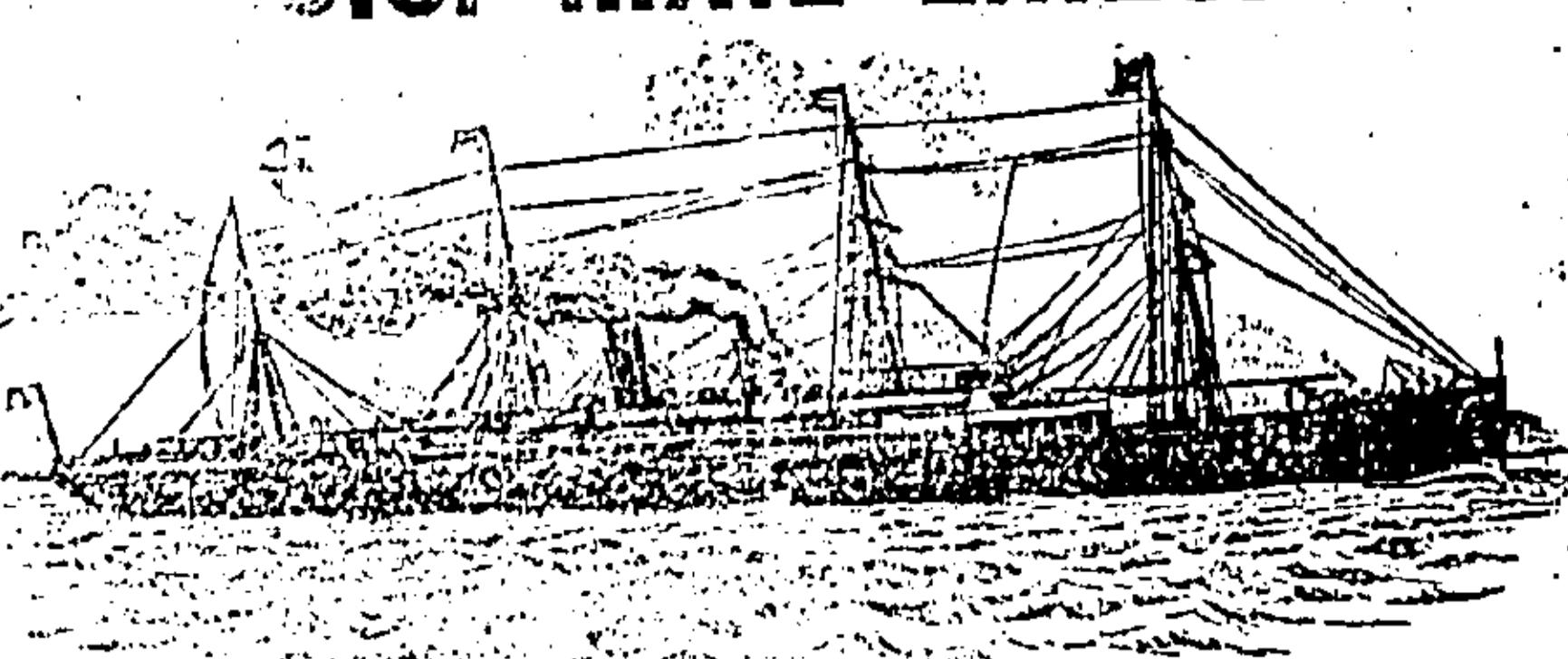
Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Details.

U.S. MAIL LINES.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DORIC"	SATURDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE T. K. K. Company's Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Points, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES and CANADIAN POINTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlanta and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Venezuela, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 2 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Points, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPERESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN".....	3,882 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
" " "EMPERESS OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
" " "EMPERESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
" " "TARTAR".....	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
" " "EMPERESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
" " "ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
" " "EMPERESS OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
" " "EMPERESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
" " "TARTAR".....	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
" " "EMPERESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
" " "ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPERESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for size at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
OSTASIATISCHER FRAUDTAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	NOTICE.
ADRIA.....	NEW YORK via PORTS.	28th Dec.	Freight.
SCHAARSCHMIDT.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	30th Dec.	Freight and Passengers.
STRASSBURG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	13th Jan., 1903.	Freight.
Maden.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	27th Jan., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
NURNBERG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
JUBURG.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
SILESIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
BABLE.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
WURZBURG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
V. BINSER.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
Fuchs.....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight.

For further particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1902, at 12 NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION:—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be bound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeley be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,WILLIAM D. JUPP,
1360d Acting Manager.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGHT-TEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both Days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1379d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st January, 1903, at Noon, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 31st Dec., 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon, to elect Auditors, and transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both Days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WORKS—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables).

TOWN DEPOT—2, Beaconsfield Arcade (alleyway).

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1388d]

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, the OFFICES of the Undersigned will be MOVED to the 1ST FLOOR of No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, (at the Corner of Des Vœux Road Central and Ice House Street above Messrs. Hughes and Hough Auction Rooms).

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1414d]

NOTICE.

IN the Layatory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to

C/o H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1404d]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Sec. St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

NOTICE.

Owing to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle from 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO.

REMITTANCE AND COINAGE OF PRECIOUS METALS.

COLOMBO AS A RIVAL TO BOMBAY.

In the House of Commons on November 6th Sir Edward Sassoon asked the Secretary of State for India, if he will state the amount of gold remitted from India since February this year, and to what purpose these remittances have been applied; the sums of gold now held in India in the currency reserves, the Government treasures and the gold reserves fund respectively; whether any of the latter is deposited with the Presidency banks or otherwise utilised in aid of commerce; the number of rupees (including value of subsidiary coins) issued since the beginning of this year; the total amount of silver imported during the same period, how much of this has been on Government account, and whether this portion is subject to the five per cent. import duty; the present amount of the cash balances in India and England respectively; and what has been, since March 4th, the average weekly amount lent out from the Indian Office Treasury in aid of the money market here.

Lord George Hamilton: The amount of gold remitted by the Government of India to this country since February last is £500,000 which has added to the balances held by the Secretary of State in Council. The amount of gold held by the Government of India on Oct. 15 was as follows: Current reserve, £5,748,000; Government treasures, £88,000; Gold fund, £175,000; total, £6,011,000. I have no reason to believe that any of this gold is deposited with the Presidency banks. If it were so deposited it would, of course, be necessary to transfer from the banks to the currency reserve or the treasuries an equivalent amount in rupees, a course which, in all probability, would hinder commerce rather than aid it; but for a considerable time, whenever the mercantile community has desired gold in exchange for rupees, the Government of India has made its own stock freely available. The total coinage of silver in India from April 1st till August 31, 1902, was 7,38,63,606 rs. (2,925,000). But this includes the coinage of British dollars for use in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, the rupees coined for Native States and the subsidiary coinage for use in British India. The rupees coined for Native States amounted to about 50,00,000 rs.; but I am not yet in possession of exact figures on this point. The imports of silver into India during the period just mentioned were as follows:—On private account, 5,04,47,857 rs.; on Government account, 51,390 rs. It is provided by law that no Customs duty is leviable on goods belonging to the Government of India. The latest figures for the cash balances in India and England are as follows:—In India, on Aug. 31, 16,93,000 rs.; in England, on Nov. 4, £5,067,128. The average weekly amount of loan from the home treasury during the present financial year has been £5,100,000.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN ENGLAND AND INDIA.

The magnificent School of Technology which the Prime Minister opened the other day at Manchester, is the most concrete illustration of the wholesome change which is coming over public opinion in Great Britain in respect of the practical value to industries of scientific research. It has been described as by far the finest technical institute in England, and Mr. Schwann who had been touring in Germany and studying the wonderful industrial progress of that country within recent years, wrote: "It is a passing a building and appliances worthy of Manchester and suitable in a superlative degree to teach the best practical, and theoretical methods of adapting science to industry. The school occupies an area of 6,400 yards, and is six stories high. It has cost nearly £1,000,000, and has been seven years in building. It comprises almost every important branch of science applicable to industries electrical, mechanical, and sanitary engineering, the sciences relating to architecture, and the photographic and printing arts, and chemistry in all its branches with an elaborate provision of laboratories and workshop attached to each. Mr. Balfour spoke of it as being

"perhaps the greatest fruit of its kind of Municipal enterprise in this country." The first Technical Instruction Act was passed in 1889, and it empowered Municipalities to devote their funds to institutions having for their object the provision of technical instruction. Manchester is the second municipality in Great Britain to avail itself of the powers conferred on it by that act and a special rate was levied at once for the purpose of the Technical School. Here is a lesson for Indian Municipalities to take to heart. Not many of them are over-rich, it is true, but some of them can well afford to raise their rates, and we believe there is no legal obstacle to their devoting them to the maintenance of technical schools. The more feasible thing at present, is perhaps for a number of neighbouring municipal and local bodies to co-operate in the establishment and maintenance of a central institution with District Boards constructing railways out of the rates; it is not impossible that this equally productive investment of capital may command itself to the more enterprising of our local bodies in course of time.—Times of India.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 27th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has fallen quickly on the E. coast of China. Pressure is still high over Central China and probably again low in Manchuria.

Decreasing monsoon along the China coast, strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—moderate NE. winds; dull, cloudy.

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Intimations.

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Once upon a time students of medicine held the notion that there were as many different diseases as the body has organs and parts; every one of these ailments requiring a different treatment. So stupid a mistake could lead only to miserable failures. For the fact is the body is a single machine; and what concerns one part of it concerns, more or less closely, all the rest. Thus we see how it happens that one remedy, or mode of treatment, may relieve and cure a variety of complaints,—or, what may appear like a variety, but are really various forms or out-comes of the same cause. Take, for example, Anemia, Scrofula, Poverty of Blood, General Debility, Influenza, Throat and Lung Diseases, etc.—a formidable array indeed they look to be yet.

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION.

quickly abates the worst of such cases, and absolutely cures many which have been abandoned as hopeless. The reasons are: its power over the digestive and assimilating process, its action in expelling impurities from the blood, and its consequent ability to vitalize and rebuild the whole structure. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. It was not dreamed out, or discovered by accident; it was studied out, on the solid principles of applied medical science. It is precisely what it is said to be, and has won the confidence of the public on that basis. You may resort to it with a faith and hope that arise from the history of what it has done for others. Dr. Thos. Hunt Stucky says: "The continued use of it in my practice, convinces me that it is the most palatable, least nauseating, and best preparation now on the market. Every dose effective. You cannot be disappointed in it." Sold by chemists here and throughout the world and A. S. Watson & Co. Limited.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HONGKONG.

OWING to the insufficiency of accommodation in the present building and the increasing demand for admission, it has been found necessary to extend the wings of the main building and to enlarge the Chinese department by an additional storey with two wings. The estimated cost will amount to over £15,000. To cover these expenses we appeal to the liberality of all friends of Education. The establishment has been in existence for the last 25 years and is open to all classes. Much of the clerical work of the city is carried on by its past pupils. As this is the first time we have applied for assistance we expect a generous response. The names of our most liberal Benefactors will be inscribed upon marble tablets, as a lasting testimony of their generosity, THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1901.

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E. W. Haswell		
SANUKI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 2nd January, at Daylight.
W. Townsend		
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager. [5]

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

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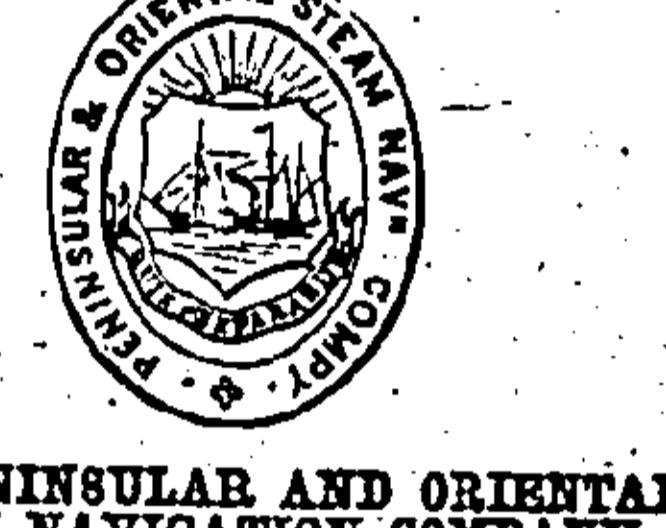
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Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 28th instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1004]

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No. 254. A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FARMERS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 for 3.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1410]

TO LET.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 125, E.C. A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FARMERS' HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 3.30 for 6 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1411]

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TELEGRAMS.

(Ruter's.)

A Royal Sensation.

LONDON, December 23rd.

A sensation has been caused in Dresden owing to the official announcement of the secret flight abroad, on the night of the 11th instant, of the Crown Princess of Saxony, in a morbid state of mental excitement. She is supposed to have gone to Geneva, and that her flight is due to family differences.

Obituary.

The death of the Dean of Winchester, from typhoid fever, is announced.

Venezuela.

The Trinidad *Gazette* contains an official announcement of the declaration of war against Venezuela. This is a formally intended to legalize the blockade.

The Andean Earthquake.

December 24th.

H. M. the Tsar has given a first subscription of fifty thousand roubles to the relief fund in aid of the sufferers by the Andean earthquake.

Obituary.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is dead.

The Crown Princess of Saxony.

The Crown Princess of Saxony eloped with her children's French tutor with whom she is now staying at an hotel at Geneva.

The Venezuelan Blockade.

The Italian cruiser *Giovanni Bausan* has captured five more Venezuelan schooners, and the German *Panther* two.

The effects of the blockade are beginning to be felt. It is estimated that only a fortnight's food remains at Caracas. The British ship *Fantome* has been refloated.

England and Germany.

December 25th.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at Stirling, said that he had nothing but condemnation for those who by their stupid and vulgar abuse had fomented discord between Great Britain and Germany. His complaint was in respect of the nature and extent of the obligations into which we had entered with Germany, and he thought that if ever there was a case for arbitration it was this one. It was no part of our national duty to collect falling dividends for bondholders in Berlin.

Somaliland.

Italy having accorded the necessary facilities, seven hundred troops have left Berbera for Obock where they are due to arrive on the 27th instant.

Count Lavatelli representing Italy accompanied the force.

The Venezuelan Difficulty.

Formal British and German proposals to President Roosevelt, asking him to arbitrate in the matter of the disputes with Venezuela, and that if not disposed to do so she has no objection to a reference of the questions to the Hague tribunal.

LATEE.

An Italian Note has reached Washington, couched in the most cordial terms towards the United States. It says that Italy will be glad to see President Roosevelt arbitrate in the matter of the disputes with Venezuela, and that if not disposed to do so she has no objection to a reference of the questions to the Hague tribunal.

Indian Miners for South Africa.

Several hundred Indians have started work in the Koffyfontein mines, Orange River Colony, to-day. This is a first experiment.

(N. C. D. News.)

A Warning to the Trade Unions.

London, 20th December.

The Taff Vale Railway Co sued the Railway Servants' Union for £2,000 damages, for conspiracy to cause a strike in 1900, and have obtained a verdict, the assessment of damages being deferred. This is a severe blow to Trade Unionism.

A Wonderful Proof of Civilisation.

Before he left Nair Obi, the Somalis presented Mr. Chamberlain with an address in a silver casket.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 26th, 1902.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas passed off quietly. The day for the most part was wet. The ships in the harbour were decorated with flags and branches, but the rain spoilt the effect. In the city there was little to indicate that it was Christmas. Several of the missions had special services in the churches. At all the churches the attendance was very large.

U. S. MINISTER TO SIAM.

Mr. King, U. S. Minister to Siam, is spending a few days in Canton.

THE CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Imperial Decree, ordering the Chinese Telegraph service to be turned into a purely Government concern, raised unfavourable criticisms on all sides, the *Universal Gazette* says. Scarce had these criticisms ceased when the local foreign press received a telegraphic report from Peking to the effect that the Chinese Government was about to make the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company undergo a similar change. This report is already bad enough; but the information we have just obtained about the C. M. S. N. Co. is still worse. According to our information, a certain foreign Minister, acting upon the suggestion of a merchant of his nationality, recently wrote to the Wai Wu Pu, asking that the C. M. S. N. Co. be registered as a limited liability company so that foreign capital might be admitted into the concern. Though the Wai Wu Pu knew that the request could not be complied with, they neither expressed their opposition to it nor replied to the foreign minister's despatch. But the foreign merchant in question has not yet given up this castle in the air as he is reported to have just presented the head of such Li Lien-ying with a large bribe, requesting him to move the Empress-Dowager to issue a decree in accordance with his desire.

A MORTIFYING POSITION.

Kinder thus had the mortification of seeing his project handed over to foreign rivals. The Russians were so impressed, however, with what he had done, that they carried off his little hand-made engine, the first that ran on his tram line, and have deposited it in the St. Petersburg Museum as a monument of an era in the history of the Far East. The northern section of the railway from Peking to Hankow will take, Colonel Manifold thinks, some seven years to build, owing to the heavy bridging necessary. The southern section from Hankow to Canton is vastly easier. The highest point it has to cross on its way to the sea is only a thousand feet high, and this with easy grading. The concession for the southern section was given, with British approval, to an American syndicate, with has commenced work both from Canton and from the Tungting Lake on the Yangtze about a hundred miles from Hankow. Forty per cent. of the shares, however, are said to be in Belgian hands, which in China too often means that France and Russia are pulling the strings. Colonel Manifold looks upon this railway as of enormous importance in connection with the future development of the country, for whoever controls it will influence a so the great hinterlands it traverses. The fact that this line is not British means besides that several millions' worth of rolling stock will be purchased for it during the next ten years elsewhere than in England.

FORTY MILLION LIVES LOST.

The Yellow River was afterwards crossed and Col. Manifold notices the extraordinary destruction of human life and the devastation of the country caused by this river's periodical changing of its bed. Forty million people, he heard, had been washed away or starved, owing to its inundations 15 years ago, the floods rendering vast areas of cultivated land sterile by covering it with sand. The people generally appeared to realise that the allies had occupied Peking and had inflicted heavy punishment upon the Chinese nation. In the remotest villages where no foreigner had ever before been, the elders used to ask Col. Manifold about it, and there was none of the self-deception which was so noticeable after the Japanese war, when it was honestly believed throughout the length and breadth of China that the Emperor had accepted the submission of the barbarians and permitted them to depart unpunished.

A CHANCE FOR BRITISH CAPITAL.

Of the Yangtse region Col. Manifold speaks enthusiastically alike as regards its great agricultural and mineral wealth, its numerous industries, and dense population. He says it is now a case of waking up the British capitalist and investor to the advantages of developing it. He holds that if capital and enterprise only are forthcoming there will be no difficulty in establishing British pre-eminence in this marvellous region, to which our gunboats already have access for 2,000 miles up the river. He adds, "gunboats alone will not develop trade in a country, and no sane man wants a yard of Chinese territory to pass out of the hands of the Chinese, but we do want to see our mercantile interest firmly established, and big enterprises, in British hands, opening up this rich Upper Yangtze country at once—a country so rich in resources and population that enterprises, once started, must pay. It is capable of a development that would cause it to take ten times the trade that it does now from us." He adds the warning that "if enterprise is not forthcoming soon there is great danger that we may find other nations have established railroads and mining interests so firmly in the rich portions of this region that they will be able to assert a right of developing them entirely in their own interests, and keep us excluded."

At the close of the lecture Col. Manifold was warmly applauded.

PEKING TO SZECHUAN.

COLONEL MANIFOLD'S ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

A most interesting and at times exciting narrative was unfolded by Lieut.-Colonel Manifold, of the Indian Medical Service, in a lecture which he delivered on October 10 before the United Service Institute at Simla, recounting his adventurous journey, in company with Captain Hunter, R. E., from Peking to Szechuan.

The President of the evening, General Barrow, spoke highly of the intrepidity and energy of the lecturer and his companion, Captain Hunter, who had between them not only traversed 4,500 miles of the most difficult country, a distance by road equivalent to that from Calcutta to Peshawar, and thence by Bombay to Tuticorin, and back to Calcutta, but had actually made a survey of the whole distance, which meant 20 miles a day.

BRITISH INFLUENCE.

In the course of his lecture Col. Manifold showed that the two travellers left Peking in September last year, immediately after the Chinese had agreed to the payment of the indemnity, and when the allied forces were still in possession of Peking. British influence, therefore, stood high, and Colonel Manifold and his companion were not wrong in thinking that this would be sufficient to insure their protection in spite of the disturbed state of the country. The party included Mr. Harris, who acted as interpreter, two trained Roorkee surveyors, six Gurkhas, four Indian servants, and 20 mules. For the first 312 miles the route was by train on the recently reconstructed railway to Paoting-fu. This place they found in an excited state, the current rumour being that the French had evacuated it only because they were compelled to do so by superior Chinese force.

SPLENDID RAILWAY SCHEMES.

Colonel Manifold describes the railway as a magnificent project which will eventually be continued to Canton, tapping the commerce of the great waterways which it crosses en route, and opening up the rich mineral districts of Shansi, which contain some of the finest coal and iron beds in the world. It is actually under construction for 250 miles from either end, and it is to be regretted that Great Britain has no share in it, although both its conception and its inception were due to the

MINISTER WU'S APPEAL.

WANTS THE POWERS TO SUBMIT CASE TO ARBITRATION AT THE HAGUE.

Minister Wu is hopeful that China will be the proper to submit the second case for the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. He is working hard to induce the powers party to the treaty of Peking to consent to arbitrate the important question as to whether the indemnities to be paid them shall be paid on a gold or a silver basis. The issue is of the utmost importance to China; in fact, it is said that the insistence of the powers upon a settlement on the gold basis would mean the ruin of the Chinese empire, which is totally unable to pay the vast sum of nearly four hundred and fifty million taels in gold.

The question has been under discussion for many months, and while it was still pending the first instalment of the indemnity became due last July. A decision was stated off by the acceptance of the first payment on a silver basis, the United States reserving the right to demand any balance of the instalment that might be due if it should ultimately be held that the settlement should be made on a gold basis. The next payment will become due at the beginning of the next calendar year, and it is desirable that the question shall be settled before that date or at least that it shall be put in the way of a final settlement.

Therefore Mr. Wu is striving to arrange for the submission of the question to the arbitration of The Hague, and to that end he has appealed to the government of the United States for help in influencing the other powers who were to receive indemnities. Secretary Hay has met the appeal favourably, and in proof of his disposition has consented to accept the proposal on behalf of the United States if the other powers can be brought into line. Of this there is much doubt, as China has no means of exerting anything more than moral suasion upon the parties, who are naturally reluctant to submit to the chances of an adverse decision, claims which they now hold as good.

Commercial.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 24th December, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:

Owing to the Christmas holidays which commence to-morrow, we are issuing our circular two days earlier than usual. The period under review has passed with very few changes and but little business has been done. We take this opportunity of wishing all our constituents the compliments of the season and a very merry Christmas.

The National Bank of China, Limited, has advertised its Twelfth Ordinary Annual Meeting for the 21st January, 1903. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to 21st proximo, both days inclusive.

The Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited, has declared an interim dividend of Tls. 12 per share.

Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled very steadily, and further sales have been effected at \$622½, the market closing firm at the rate. The London quotation has improved to £63. Nationals are to be had at \$26.

Marine-Insurances.—Beyond a sale of Yangtze at \$133, there is nothing to report in stocks on this heading.

Fire Insurances.—Both stocks are unaltered and without business.

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